

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims to that as indicated below:

Claims 1-10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid, comprising:

a frame base element having a flat bottom side for connecting with a combo or carton packing, said frame base element further including a peripheral projection projecting upwardly for forming an outflow support opening within said frame base element;

a lid connected to, and swivelling on, said frame base element for closing the outflow support opening formed by said frame base element and for opening and closing said frame base element;

a guide element capable of swivelling on said frame base element extends over an inner side of said peripheral projection with a swivel axis of said guide element running parallel to, and in front of, a swivel axis of said lid;

active forced-closure means located between said guide element and said lid for allowing said guide element to be swiveled downwardly by opening said lid for cutting, tearing or pushing downwardly a packing lying below said guide element in a swivelling direction opposite a swivelling direction of said lid in an automatic manner and without a user having to push downwardly with a finger of the user, so that when seen in a side view, said lid swivels in a first direction and said guide element swivels in a second direction, said second direction being a direction opposite said first direction.

12. (previously presented) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid according to Claim 11, wherein said lid is placed and held on said frame base element in a swivelled-up position via a first swivel shaft and said guide element is placed and held in a swivelled-down position on said frame base element via a second swivel shaft running parallel to a direction of a swivel region of said lid.

13. (previously presented) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid according to Claim 12, wherein said active forced-closure means comprise a retracting band running from a bottom side of said guide element around said second swivel shaft at said guide element and connected to a bottom side of said lid.

14. (previously presented) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid according to Claim 12, wherein said lid has a top side that tangentially merges in said first swivel shaft and said guide element has a top side that tangentially merges in said second swivel shaft, so that a bottom side of said lid lies substantially on a top side of said guide element in a swivelled-down mode on said base element, and a marginal region of said guide element forms a blade projecting downwardly, so that a downwardly projecting piercing tip is formed at a tip of said guide element.

15. (withdrawn) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid according to Claim 12, wherein said active forced-closure means comprise engaging cogs in said first swivel shaft and said second swivel shaft for forming a gear rod over an axial section.

16. (withdrawn) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packaging by opening a closure lid according to Claim 15, wherein there are at least two said gear rods with said gear rods being cogged over only a portion of their periphery, so that said gear rods engage with one another only after a specific swivel position of said lid vis-à-vis said frame base element.

17. (previously presented) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid according to Claim 11, wherein said lid is placed and held in a swivelling position on said frame base element via a first swivel shaft and said guide element is placed and held in a swivelled-down position on said frame base element via a second swivel shaft running parallel to a direction of a swivel region of said lid, said first swivel shaft and said second swivel shaft being formed with tilt plate bolts at their ends.

18. (withdrawn) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid according to Claim 11, wherein said guide element includes a front part swivellable downwardly in a frontal region around an internal hinge running transversely over said guide element, and starting from a bottom side of said front part is a first retracting band running beyond said internal hinge and through

a clearance in said guide element on an upper side thereof with an upwardly directed barbed hook at its upper end, wherein said first retracting band works in combination with a second retracting band located at a bottom side of said lid in a direction of a lip tip forming a downwardly projecting barbed hook with both said upwardly directed barbed hook and said downwardly projecting barbed hook engaging one another when said lid is swivelled downwardly, so that upon swivelling up the lid, said front part of said guide element is able to swivel downwardly around said internal hinge due to a tensile connection of said first retracting band and said second retracting band, and said upwardly directed barbed hook and said downwardly projecting barbed hook disengage from one another at a swivel position of said lid by 45° vis-à-vis said frame base element.

19. (previously presented) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid according to Claim 11, wherein said frame base element includes bearing bushes formed by U-shaped projections, so that said bearing bushes are diagonally formed to a front side from below at said frame base element for attachment means of a swivel shaft of said guide element and said bearing bushes are diagonally formed to the front side from a top portion of said frame base element for attachment means of a swivel shaft of said lid behind said bearing bushes.

20. (previously presented) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid according to Claim 19, wherein said bearing bushes form hollow cylindrical boxes having cylinder walls extending by at least 180°.

21. (previously presented) The flap shutter for combo and carton packaging for automatic opening of a packing by opening a closure lid according to Claim 11, wherein said frame base element including inward projections formed on a side of said frame base element extending over said guide element for forming a stopper, so that said guide element is swivellable only downwardly from said frame base element.